

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney for applicant Indira Saladi on 01/25/2006 at (847)-576-6735.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Claims 2, 10 are canceled;
- in claims 3, line 1, delete "unit of claim 2" and insert -- unit of claim 1 --; and
- in claim 4, line 1, delete " unit of claim 2" and insert -- unit of claim 1 --; and
- in claim 11, line 1, delete " unit of claim 10" and insert -- unit of claim 9 --.
- withdrawn claims 14-20 have been reconsidered and rejoined with allowed claims 1 and 9 due to the same reason for allowed claims 1 and 9.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: in the response to remarks and claim amendments made in Applicant's Amendment filed on 11/18/2005, Applicant's argument is persuasive. The cited references failed to teach a printed circuit board having first and second portions, wherein the portions are connected by a bendable region, which the bendable region includes one of the group of recess and aperture extending outwardly from the inside surface of the substrate with the one of group of recess. Amended claims have been considered and upon

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conclusion of a comprehensive search of the prior art, the office indicates that the claims, as amended, are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung S. Bui whose telephone number is (571) 272-2102. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on (571) 272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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